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City faces suit over tickets

Group targets Know Your Zone parking- ban program



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Taylor**
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The city is facing a class-action lawsuit over thousands of wrongly issued parking tickets under Winnipeg's neighbourhood snow-clearing program.

Todd Dube of Wise Up Winnipeg—a traffic advocacy group—confirmed a lawsuit would be filed in February as the city refuses to refund up to 25,000 illegally issued residential park-

ing-ban tickets under the Know Your Zone program.

"It's the right thing to do," he said Thursday.

"The city is wrong and they need to accept that, and they need to make good on these tickets, which were issued illegally."

Dube says the group placed the city under legal notice last December, and offered to meet with officials.

"They haven't responded to us in any way," he said.

"We don't have any options. It seems the only way to communicate with this city hall is to take them to court."

Last December, the city's chief operating officer acknowledged the Know Your Zone program was found to violate Manitoba's Highway Traffic Act.



TRAILBLAZER

Deep freeze means the skating trail at the Forks is finally open

Margaux Barnabe, 3, didn't know the trail was open when she visited on Thursday, but was one of the first on the ice this year.

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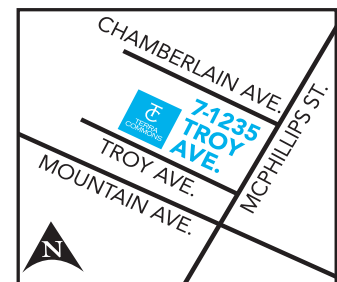
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13 FIRES

Series to spotlight racism in Winnipeg

The first of 12 community events to discuss racism in Winnipeg to be held in 2016 — one for each month this year — is taking place this Saturday.

Part of the 13 Fires Winnipeg event series, it will be a discussion of lived experiences with racism and focus on how it relates to poverty in the city.

Organizer Andrew Vineberg said the 13 Fires events will all feature important themes, but the first four — poverty included — serve a dual purpose.

“Leading up to the election (topics will) be things not only pertinent to Winnipeg in this moment, but also things that could potentially be highlighted as election issues, to make sure people in the seats of power were aware,” Vineberg said.

The Poverty Fire event will feature stories of racialized workers alleging discrimination, and attendees will discuss productive approaches to tackling racism and poverty with help from organizations working to do so in the city.

“There’s going to be presentations from different groups we are partnering with... and like other events it’s going to break down into discussion circles (fires),” Vineberg said.

“The fires are going to be specific solutions or (talks with) organizations approaching that issue in certain ways.”

It will take place at the Broadway Disciples United Church at 396 Broadway, from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. **BRAEDEN JONES/METRO**

Gay international student seeking refugee status

LGBT RIGHTS

Hazim Ismail has received death threats, was disowned



Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Afraid to return to his home country, a University of Winnipeg student is seeking refugee status after being inundated with hateful and “heartbreaking” messages.

Hazim Ismail, 27, was cut off financially and disowned by his family for being gay, so he crowdfunded his tuition in December to continue studying and living in Canada.

Reporters in his native Malaysia cobbled together local stories about his struggles, outing him in a country where homosexuality is not accepted and sodomy is a criminal offence.

“That got circulated and went viral,” Ismail said. “The first morning after the article was released I woke up and I had over 100 Facebook messages... it’s been pretty volatile.”

Most messages were hateful, and Ismail said he has received death threats.

Other messages were from LGBT Malaysians who were supportive, but even those are “distressing,” he said, “Because



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but the option
wasn’t there ...
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Hazim Ismail

Hazim Ismail says after his story went viral in Malaysia, he received numerous death threats and messages. METRO FILE

they’re still there and they need to hide... it’s not fair.”

Malaysian media has asked him for interviews, and for him to out the people who came out to him in private. He’s responded negatively to every request.

A poll shared more than 15,000 times online posed the

question of whether Ismail should be given a chance to return to Islam, become an LGBT spokesperson, or be ostracized for his sexuality.

A commenter wrote in a far worse suggestion.

“The comment was, ‘I wanted to vote but the option wasn’t there... Here’s my

vote: Hazim go and die,” Ismail said.

Now he doesn’t feel safe returning to Malaysia, which is why he believes he has a strong case for remaining in Canada and is seeking refugee status.

“I’m trying to get (the paper work) settled by February... it’s stressful,” he said.

“Refugee claimants need to write essays detailing their struggles. It’s an arduous process and also very triggering.”

But as hard as it is for him, he says it’s less so than what he would face back home.

The hearing to determine his refugee status will likely take place in May or April.

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PROVINCIAL ELECTION

Anti-tax political party taking shape

A new political party focusing on extensive tax cuts is aiming to be in place for the April 19 Manitoba election.

The Manitoba Party's platform includes a promise to cut the provincial sales tax to five per cent from eight. The party also says it would institute a flat income tax of 10 per cent to replace current tax brackets that top out at 17.4 per cent.

The party also says it would scrap the province's business payroll tax, which brings in hundreds of millions of dollars each year.

The aim, the party's president says, would be to leave taxpayers and businesses with more money to boost the economy and create jobs.

"I think everybody knows that taxation is a fine, a penalty, a deterrent," Gary Marshall said Thursday.

"If you alleviate that punishment ... people will be far more inclined to produce, to be productive, to work harder."

The party is lining up candidates and has an interim leader in Taz Stuart, who used to head

the City of Winnipeg's mosquito-fighting program. Stuart finished second in a run for a seat on city council in 2014.

Stuart plans to run in the Fort Whyte constituency against Progressive Conservative Leader Brian Pallister, Marshall said.

Other prospective candidates include former Liberals Joe Chan and Bob Axworthy. Chan has run unsuccessfully at the provincial and municipal level. He stirred

up controversy in the last Winnipeg municipal election when he compared his main opponent to the devil.

Axworthy finished a distant third in a 2013 run for the

Manitoba Liberal leadership and later quit the party.

Also planning to run is Kim Edwards, a longtime critic of the province's child-welfare system, who staged a hunger protest on the grounds of the legislature in 2013.

The Manitoba Party is hoping to gain official status with Elections Manitoba by the end of the month and field candidates in at least half of the province's 57 constituencies. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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If you alleviate that punishment people will be far more productive.

Gary Marshall, Manitoba Party



Taz Stuart, the new leader of the Manitoba Party. METRO FILE



Angela Mathieson speaks to the crowd at the monthly Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce luncheon. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

Downtown Bay store revamp a 'challenge'

DEVELOPMENT

'Architectural changes' are necessary, says city agency



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

Protecting one of downtown's most iconic buildings means reimagining how it has stood in Winnipeg for nearly 90 years, says the head of the city's downtown development agency.

Angela Mathieson, CEO of

CentreVenture — Winnipeg's arms-length development corporation — said she has no doubt that major architectural changes are needed if The Bay downtown is to one day be home to future office and housing units.

Such changes first require re-designing how the entire building is configured, she said.

For example, courtyards or an outdoor atrium could be built in the centre of the building to allow for more light.

"The challenge with the building is it's a whole city block. Very deep, and so it's not functional for residential or office uses because you can't get light inside of the building," Mathieson told reporters. "You have to figure

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It's not functional for residential or office uses.

Angela Mathieson, CEO of CentreVenture

out a way to get light through down into the building to have offices that people are going to want to occupy, or places people are going to want to live."

Mathieson was speaking to reporters Thursday after delivering a speech to a crowd of hundreds on the state of the downtown for the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce.

In her presentation, she highlighted the importance of finding a future for some of downtown's most underutilized buildings.

Given the recent news The Bay was once again shrinking its retail space, this time leaving only its first and second floors open, the historic department store was one such example.

Mathieson agreed that major upgrades to the building would likely require the co-operation — and pocket books — of all three levels of government.

"It's more costly for sure, but that is the case with all heritage buildings," she said.

"That challenge becomes exponential because it's such a big building."



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Premier Greg Selinger has committed more than \$400 million in spending after an announcement blitz. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO FILE

Waiting on the budget

NDP GOVERNMENT

Many recent promises but no breakdown yet



Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Premier Greg Selinger announced a lot of different things in the past month, but a budget wasn't one of them.

His NDP government let media outlets know of more than 110 different projects and programs during the blitz, which came to a close with a legally required cessation of such announcements on Wednesday, 90 days before polls open April 19.

In all of the hullabaloo, Selinger committed more than \$400 million in spending — but the full breakdown in budget form was not part of the announcements.

Selinger did say "there will be an announcement on that (a budget), but not today" during his last speaking engagement,

Tuesday.

He also said "everything is on the table" and "all things are on the table as we prepare for the future."

Malcolm Bird, an assistant professor of political science at the University of Winnipeg, believes releasing a budget could be problematic for the NDP.

"It would be very specific, and mean that all of these numbers (associated with promises made) would come to the forefront," he said. "You probably wouldn't want to do that."

Bird said it would be safer to do what Selinger has done, essentially promise money and partnerships, and elected or not, put the incoming government into a position of either accepting the commitments or breaking from them.

"Flood control, daycare spaces, it's pretty hard to debate this stuff," he said.

Selinger said that his government has at the very least been working to prepare for a budget, making sure plans are in place, and is otherwise waiting to see when the federal government announces its financial plan.

RED RIVER

Lumber scraps create massive sewage leak

The City of Winnipeg says up to five million litres of untreated sewage flowed into the Red River over a nine-day period earlier this month.

Officials say they were notified on Tuesday about a strong smell of sewage near a north-end park.

Instruments at the scene indicated a blockage may have started Jan. 10 and a city work crew later found some lumber that was partially blocking the opening of a diversion chamber.

The city says the chamber directs dry-weather flow to a sewage treatment plant and allows rain to divert into the river, but in this case the blockage sent untreated sewage into the Red.

The city also says the overflow did not trigger an alarm because the devices are set up to detect blockages within chambers, not at the openings. The leak has been reported to the Manitoba Conservation Accident Reporting line. THE CANADIAN PRESS/CTV WINNIPEG



About 5 million litres of untreated sewage flowed into the Red River earlier this month. WIKIPEDIA COMMONS

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Mom may lose feet after ordeal

HEROISM

Daughter saved after car crash and 10 hours in -23 C weather

A friend says an injured Manitoba woman — who crawled up a snowbank to seek help after spending overnight in a frigid ditch trying to keep her young daughter warm — may never walk again.

Kristen Hiebert and four-year-old Avery were going home on Sunday night when their car slid off a rural highway near a bridge and rolled down a steep slope to the frozen Souris River.

The problem was they were hidden from the road.

Thrown from the car into the snow, the pair huddled together for 10 hours as temperatures dipped to -23 C.

At dawn, Hiebert dragged herself up the snowbank despite a broken leg, broken neck and severe frostbite to her bare feet.

Hiebert was found by a passing motorist, who just hap-



Kristen Hiebert and her daughter, Avery, in younger days. THE CANADIAN PRESS/HANDOUT

pened to see her hand as she clung to the guardrail, and was airlifted to a Winnipeg hospital.

Her daughter is in stable condition, but a close friend said Hiebert has a long recovery.

"She has lots of broken bones, which can be healed, but it's the frostbite that's on both of her feet, as well as her inner leg," Morgan Campbell said Thursday. "Those are very touch-and-go. We're not sure

if they're going to come back or not.

"If she's not going to walk again, we're looking at years."

Campbell set up a GoFundMe page for Hiebert, a single mom who worked two jobs



I can't heal her bones and I can't bring her feet back. This is what we can do.

Morgan Campbell on friend Kristen Hiebert

cleaning homes and a hotel. She hopes to offset some of the costs Hiebert's family faces, staying by her side in Winnipeg.

Within 24 hours, donations reached \$29,000. The generosity of strangers will help Hiebert focus on healing without worrying about supporting her daughter, Campbell said.

"She's in tearful disbelief," she said. "I can't heal her bones and I can't bring her feet back. This is what we can do. I'm so shocked and amazed, honoured and humbled that people have stepped up."

It's not clear what caused the crash. Campbell said Hiebert doesn't remember anything, but Campbell said the roads were icy at the time.

First responders from the nearby town of Ninette say other motorists had pulled over to help by the time volunteer firefighters arrived. The drivers were trying to warm Hiebert and Avery in the back of

an SUV.

The car was "totally mangled," said deputy fire chief Craig Kozak. "It was in rough shape."

The strength it took Hiebert to make it through the night, hearing cars pass overhead while she tried to keep her daughter warm, is hard to imagine, Campbell said. Making the excruciating decision to leave Avery and claw her way up the ditch, through incredible pain, took extraordinary strength and courage, she suggested.

"I'm sure Avery cried for her and called for her and she had to keep going," Campbell said.

"She said, 'Well, Morgan, everybody would have done the same thing.' And I said, 'No, Kristen, not everybody would have done the same thing. You overcame your own pain and your own struggle to save your daughter."

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Jon Carson shows off Woodcock's fat bikes. MEG CRANE/FOR METRO

City holding fat bike race

FORT WHYTE

Organizer says the vehicle appeals to all ages, skill levels

Meg Crane
For Metro | Winnipeg

You may have seen them on city streets, but fat bikes will be taking over Fort Whyte Alive on Jan. 20 for Winnipeg Whyteout.

"There hasn't been a fat bike-specific race here in Manitoba before," said Jon Carson, sales manager of Woodcock, who was involved in planning the race.

Previous bike races have only had portions of the race dedicated to fat bikes, which are gaining popularity in Manitoba.

Fat bikes have a tire that is at least 3", allowing them to ride over snow, rather than sinking like what happens with narrower tires.

"It basically makes a lot of

trails accessible that wouldn't be otherwise," said Carson.

Carson said that, for this reason, racers and casual bikers of all abilities have been making use of fat bikes.

He's sold them to everyone from teenagers entering races to a 70-year-old man who has been riding his all winter. And Carson said he expects registrants at the race to be as diverse.

It's the range of abilities that makes this race great for people who are pedaling to the finish line for their first time.

"You always think there's going to be these really hardcore people racing and you're going to feel like a fool. But you really don't. You just come out and it's like, no matter what, you're going to have fun," said Carson.

"You just come out and it's like, no matter what, you're going to have fun."

Jon Carson

Registration for the race is closed, but people can watch from the sidelines and learn more about fat bikes from racers.

Spectators will also be able to ice skate, toboggan and take part in a lunch buffet with apple cider.

TRANSPORTATION

Province, taxi board launch industry review

The Manitoba government and its taxicab board are reviewing the industry in Winnipeg over the next six months.

Board spokesman Luc Lewandoski says it's a business that has gone through a lot of dynamic change over the last few years.

The review will examine the various classes of service, fare structures, customer satisfaction, safety and accessibility, new technologies and licensing requirements. It will start

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We're confident this review will fairly assess that we are correct.

Luc Lewandoski

by analyzing the current models, as well as researching the best practices in regulating taxi cabs.

After that, the public, busi-

nesses and those working in the industry will be asked for their input. The review will also be looking at other North American cities that have ride-sharing services such as Uber to see how they are dealing with them.

"We're confident this review will fairly assess that we are correct, that you need to have insured and licensed drivers that are doing ride-for-hire," said Lewandoski.

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The review will also be looking at services in other cities.

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Headstones play at Burton Cummings Theatre Friday

Nigel Moore
For Metro | Winnipeg

After 27 years, this one's still about rock 'n' roll and comic-books and bubble gum.

"We still laugh our asses off," said Hugh Dillon, frontman of Kingston rockers Headstones. Dillon's talking about himself and Tim White, Trent Carr and Dale Harrison, his on-and-off-and-on-again bandmates since 1989. "There's an old Kurt Vonnegut saying: 'I had to laugh like hell'.

"That's the only way to make sense of tragedy, or sometimes the difficult parts of life. I'm

lucky to have these guys. And they're lucky to have me!"

Headstones will stop in Winnipeg this Friday for a show at the Burton Cummings Theatre, and the band's looking forward to it.

"We haven't been at the Burt... I think it was called the Walker Theatre the last time we were there, 15 years ago for Canadian Music Week," said Dillon. "We purposely play only 10 or 11 shows a year, because doing it that way means something.

"When it goes off, it's exciting. The great thing is to see the fans appreciate that: they know this doesn't last forever and it doesn't come around every day; so when it does come around, they're in."

Over the years the band has earned a rep for unpredictable, volatile live shows. "You need an outlet like that," said Dillon. "You know, a lot of people just have road rage."

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Union calls for safer rides

TRANSIT

President renews plea for undercover police on buses



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

Just one day shy from when Winnipeg Transit announced they would be publicizing its code of conduct to riders, a union representing drivers says measures to create safer buses are not coming fast enough.

John Callahan, president of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1505, argues that without better enforcement, that list of rules is meaningless.

To demonstrate proof, he need only to point to transit statistics that show there were about 60 bus operators assaulted in 2015, compared to 39 in 2014.

"Sixty assaults in a workplace. It's ridiculous," Callahan said Thursday.

"What other workplace



Assaults on bus drivers are up year-over-year. METRO FILE

would tolerate that?"

That's why the union is once again trying to raise awareness of the need to increase security on buses, which can be achieved by stationing plainclothes police officers along for the ride, Callahan says.

It is also a suggestion that has been endorsed by the union, as well as Coun. Matt

Sixty assaults in a workplace. It's ridiculous.

John Callahan

Allard, who tabled a motion last September to see under-

cover police officers placed on buses.

Callahan said a follow-up presentation was then made to the city's police board in October, but has received no updates since.

Board chair Coun. Scott Gillingham said a report on transit safety, including the possibility of stationing undercover

officers on buses, will return to the board's meeting Feb. 5.

"If there's an incident that happens, they can intervene and once the word gets out, I mean the next best thing to having a police officer on every bus is the thought that there might be," Callahan said.

"That person now sitting next to you might be a plainclothes police officer you don't know."

Callahan says the peak hours operators are assaulted are around 4 p.m. and after 10:30 p.m.

Currently, when an operator is assaulted, Callahan says they can hit a 911 emergency button by the driver's seat that connects to a transit control centre, which sends over an inspector and required emergency crews.

But what is needed is better prevention from attacks and that means police intervention, he explains.

"These are not police officers. These are not people in Kevlar vests with batons and side arms. These are just working people. These are mothers and fathers and brothers and sisters just trying to do a job."

STABBING

Man facing attempted murder charges

Charges have been laid in an alleged stabbing said to have happened Tuesday night in a home on Dufferin Avenue.

Police, responding to a report of an altercation, found a 32-year-old woman suffering from apparent stab wounds. She was taken to the hospital in critical condition.

A police investigation determined the victim was socializing with the accused attacker and others in the residence when an altercation escalated to the point that he allegedly armed himself and stabbed the victim.

Winnipeg Police Service, in a statement, said "a second female victim received a minor injury while attempting to intervene in the assault."

Winnipegger James Ernest Bump, 50, has been charged with attempted murder, possession of a weapon, robbery and assault with a weapon. He was arrested at the scene and remains in custody.

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Zaccari Buell's mother, Ashley Barnaby, would like to donate her kidney to him. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mom feeling helpless over donation issue

HEALTH

Woman wants her kidney to go to baby boy

A New Brunswick mother who tried unsuccessfully to donate her kidney to her baby boy says parents should be allowed to assume some health risk to help their children live better lives.

Ashley Barnaby says she was informed recently that staff at the Queen Elizabeth II hospital in Halifax rejected her application because of her history of high blood pressure and gestational diabetes during pregnancy.

The mother says the risk to herself is small compared to the kind of complete change the transplant would bring to her 18-month-old son Zaccari Buell. Zaccari currently requires 12 hours of dialysis daily at his Moncton home due to his stage-four renal failure and has spent parts of his young life at hospitals in Nova Scotia.

Barnaby, 28, says she was told she runs the risk of developing diabetes in the future if she gives her organ to her little boy.

I believe I should have a voice about what my health is going to be.

Ashley Barnaby

"I believe I should have a voice about what my health is going to be like in the future and what can be done for my son right now," she said.

Barnaby also has criticisms of the screening process, saying she had indicated her prior health issues at the outset, yet went through three months of waiting before hearing of the denial due to the potential risks.

"I feel like we wasted three months. If I would have been told there were too many red flags ... we could have looked at getting somebody else (a potential donor) started with the process," she said.

The medical director of the living kidney donation program said the doctors follow national and international guidelines in deciding whether to access a donor.

"Unfortunately, there are times when health factors result in the donation being ruled out," Dr. Christine Dipchand wrote in an email.

"In these cases, we know that it can be extremely difficult and frustrating for the patient, and as health-care providers we share in that disappointment."

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SAUDI ARABIA

Canadian college opens male-only campuses

Ontario's minister of post-secondary education says he's concerned that two publicly-funded Ontario colleges have opened campuses in Saudi Arabia that don't allow women.

On Wednesday, Colleges and Universities Minister Reza Moridi said decisions on the operation of a campus, including student composition, are up to each college's board of governors.

But late Thursday, after a lot of criticism on social media about the male-only campuses, the

minister had a change of heart about Ontario colleges teaching courses that deliberately exclude women.

"I understand and appreciate the concern that has been raised in recent weeks around some of these international activities, particularly around two Ontario colleges running male-only campuses in Saudi Arabia," Moridi said in a statement. "I share those concerns."

Niagara College offers tourism, hospitality and business courses

at its campus in Taif. Algonquin College offers 10 programs, including business, accounting and electrical engineering technology, at a campus in Jazan.

In addition, Toronto-based Centennial College offers a corporate training program for men only in Saudi Arabia.

Moridi said he wanted to meet with both colleges and also plans a conversation with all community colleges about the programs they deliver outside of Ontario.

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Saudi education system

adheres to Sharia law, which prohibits the teaching of men and women in the same classes. Ontario colleges there must follow the same rules. Niagara College expects \$4M revenue in five years from Taif.

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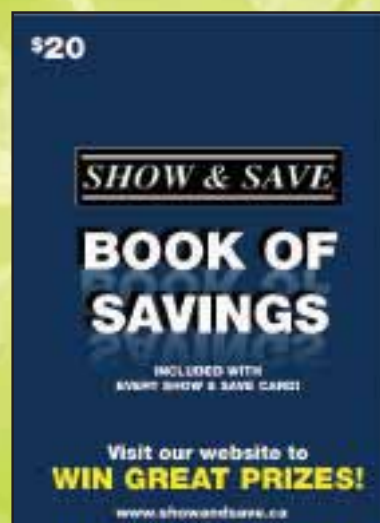
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Israeli leader digs Trudeau

FOREIGN POLICY

'Great' meeting in Paris, says Prime Minister Netanyahu

Benjamin Netanyahu, long seen as a close friend and ally of Stephen Harper, says he has since struck up a very good relationship with the former prime minister's new liberal successor.

The Israeli prime minister, in Davos this week for the World Economic Forum, said he and Justin Trudeau had a "great" meeting at an earlier international gathering in Paris.

"We have a very, very good relationship," Netanyahu said.

Strong, unwavering support of Israel was long a foreign policy pillar for the Conservative government under Harper, who in Israel in 2014 famously promised that Canada would stand with the Jewish state through fire and water.

Trudeau has pledged similar support for Israel, although he is greeted with skepticism from some corners of Israeli supporters in Canada. Not so Netanyahu, who insisted he has no misgivings about the Liberals.

That's even after Trudeau promised to pull Canadian fighter jets out of the battle against the militants of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) — a decision the Israeli leader insisted Thurs-

day was entirely Canada's to make.

The conflicts in the Middle East have come up repeatedly at the Davos meeting, including minutes before Trudeau took the stage Wednesday for his keynote address. Iran's foreign minister, sitting on the same stage Trudeau and Netanyahu would each soon occupy, argued there was no military solution to the crisis, only a political one.

Trudeau has been publicly pressed twice in Davos on his decision to withdraw the six CF-18s taking part in the bombing mission. Twice, he has cited Canada's military expertise in training security and gathering intelligence,

the result of a decade spent fighting in Afghanistan.

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There are other ways that we will be engaging militarily.

Prime Minister
Justin Trudeau

said in a session with CNN host Fareed Zakaria.

"If there's one thing that recent history has taught us, it's that ultimately conflicts like this need to have their resolution on the ground with people who ... want to take their countries back from terrorists."

On Thursday, Trudeau was asked about what Canada planned to do about the Syrian refugee crisis — specifically its root causes.

Countries need to create a situation in Syria where refugees can return home if they wish, he said.

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Maude Carrier was among the six Quebecers who were killed in the terrorist attack in Burkina Faso. Carrier's husband says he hung up on Justin Trudeau when the prime minister called him earlier this week. FACEBOOK.COM

BURKINA FASO ATTACKS

Hanging up on PM 'felt good,' says husband of terror victim

The husband of one of the Quebecers killed in the Burkina Faso terrorist attack says hanging up on Justin Trudeau "felt good" after the prime minister called him earlier this week.

Yves Richard told Montreal radio station 98.5 FM on Thursday he was frustrated in the hours after last week's tragedy with what he called Global Affairs Canada's lack of tact and empathy.

He did say the situation has since improved and that the families of victims are being treated better.

But Richard was not impressed with Trudeau when

the prime minister rang him up Monday, three days after the attack that killed his wife, Maude Carrier, and five other Quebecers.

"My prime minister called me and began speaking in such a canned manner, wishing me good luck, offering me his condolences and talking about them as a source of Canadian pride," he said.

"That's when I told him to stop his political blabbing."

"If he's going to call me, then at least he should know who the Carriers are. It wasn't out of Canadian pride that they were doing what they

were doing but rather be-

cause they were basically good people."

The six were on a humanitarian mission in Burkina Faso's capital of Ouagadougou when al-Qaida carried out the attack.

Four of the dead were from the same family: Yves Carrier, his wife Gladys Chamberland, their adult son Charlelie Carrier as well as Maude, Yves Carrier's daughter.

Richard said his conversation with Trudeau ended with him telling the prime minister to go hug his wife and children.

"Then I hung up on him and it felt good." THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

EU celebrates 'sunny ways'

The European Union says the arrival of the Trudeau government heralds a new era of transatlantic co-operation on energy and climate change. Marie-Anne Coninx, the EU ambassador to Canada, says that Canada now links climate change and energy policy, which allows for a high-level dialogue on a variety of related issues.

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National listeria outbreak

The Public Health Agency of Canada says seven people have been hospitalized in a listeria outbreak affecting five provinces. The agency says there were three cases in Ontario and one each in Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland and Labrador.

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DND jobs go unfilled

The Department of National Defence is struggling to recruit staff — both uniformed and civilian — at oft-maligned support units for ill and injured soldiers. It is also considering a name change for the organization following a sobering internal review.

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Tax changes costly: Study

The Liberals' tax-bracket changes will drain on average about \$100 million more per year from the public treasury than the government expects, says a new analysis by the federal budget watchdog. But the parliamentary budget office said the Finance Department's calculations do not take into account the fiscal impact of the Liberal vow to cancel income splitting for families with kids.

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UN visits volatile Burundi

SECURITY COUNCIL

15-member delegation seeks end to political woes

Members of the UN Security Council arrived in Burundi Thursday to try to help end political unrest that sparked deadly violence.

France, the U.S. and Angola are leading the 15-member council delegation that will be in Burundi until Friday.

"We've seen escalating violence, climate of fear and tension before in Burundi. Immediate, inclusive (political) dialogue held outside Burundi vital," Samantha Power, the U.S. ambassador to the UN, said on Twitter ahead of the trip.

UN human rights chief Zeid Raad al-Husseini in a report

last week spoke of gang rapes of women by security forces, torture and signs of ethnic repression.

His office cited growing signs that Tutsis are being targeted in the Hutu-majority country that borders Rwanda, where a 1994 Hutu-led genocide targeted Tutsis and moderate Hutus.

President Pierre Nkurunziza's decision to seek re-election last April touched off street protests

that led to a failed coup in May and a rebellion that has left the country on the brink of civil war. Opponents and supporters of Nkurunziza in the capital, Bujumbura, have been targeting each other in gun, rocket and grenade attacks and the violence has spread to the provinces. There has been a wave of extrajudicial killings that human rights activists blame on government security forces.

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A woman shells peas at a street market in Abugarama, near the capital Bujumbura, in Burundi. MELANIE GOUBY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PROPAGANDA WAR

Allies tout successes in fight against ISIL

U.S. and coalition forces are battling Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) militants in the skies and on the ground across Iraq and Syria, but the allies are increasingly also targeting the airwaves, where they now are losing the propaganda war.

In Paris this week, Defence Secretary Ash Carter made clear the coalition must get better at projecting its own messages and touting its successes. He has spent much of his time giving speeches lately at doing just that — painting an increasingly rosy picture of victories in Iraq and Syria and describing a constrained ISIL that is losing momentum.

The multipronged effort includes not only talking up military victories in Iraq and Syria, but also countering jihadi messaging that can recruit or inspire followers around the world to join the group or launch their own solo attacks in western nations.

So far, efforts by the U.S. and others to combat that propaganda campaign have been slow to form, with officials acknowledging that they are losing the

communications war.

Speaking Thursday at Ecole Militaire, a military war college in Paris, Carter said ISIL uses the Internet "to give encouragement or even instruction to people who have already been radicalized, or radicalizing some of these poor lost souls who sit in front of a screen and fantasize about a life as a jihadi."

And a senior defence official said that ISIL "fan-boys" are able to amplify the militant group's message, spreading it faster and more broadly than their number might suggest.

In recent weeks, Carter and his military leaders have been more outspoken and upbeat in their assessment of the battles against

ISIL, particularly in Iraq. Last month, Iraqi forces buttressed by coalition airstrikes and bridging equipment were able to take back the city of Ramadi. And officials are now talking about a new campaign plan that maps out the fight in coming months to take back key ISIL power centres in Mosul in Iraq and Raqqa in Syria. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Number of those killed in Nov. 13 Paris attacks. Some of the attackers are back in Syria, including one considered a ringleader.

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Croc takes leisurely swim

A crocodile apparently decided a morning dip in a Florida Keys swimming pool was just the thing.

Monroe County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Becky Herrin says an Islamorada homeowner called about 7:30 a.m. Thursday to report the croc in his pool. A photo provided by the sheriff's office shows the large reptile floating languidly in the shallow end of the pool. Herrin said the animal was about eight feet (2.4 metres) long.



The scene in Islamorada, Fla.
MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Herrin says deputies and officers from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission safely removed the animal and returned it to its native habitat. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bolivian lake evaporates

ENVIRONMENT

Major water loss linked to climate change, says expert

Overtaken fishing skiffs lie abandoned on the shores of what was Bolivia's second-largest lake. Beetles dine on bird carcasses and gulls fight for scraps under a glaring sun in what marshes remain.

Lake Poopo was officially declared evaporated last month. Hundreds, if not thousands, of people have lost their livelihoods and left.

High on Bolivia's semi-arid Andean plains at 3,700 metres and long subject to climatic whims, the shallow saline lake has essentially dried up before, only to rebound to twice the area of Los Angeles.

But recovery may no longer be possible, scientists say.

"This is a picture of the future of climate change," says Dirk Hoffman, a German glaciologist who studies how rising temperatures from the burning of fos-

sil fuels has accelerated glacial melting in Bolivia.

As Andean glaciers disappear, so do the sources of Poopo's water. But other factors are in play in the demise of Bolivia's second-largest body of water (behind Lake Titicaca).

Drought caused by the recurrent El Nino meteorological phenomenon is considered the main driver. Authorities say another factor is the diversion of water from Poopo's tributaries, mostly for mining but also for agriculture.

More than 100 families have sold their sheep, llamas and alpaca, set aside their fishing nets and quit the former lakeside village of Untavi over the past three years, draining it of well over half its population. Only the elderly remain.

"There's no future here," said 29-year-old Juvenal Gutierrez, who moved to a nearby town where he ekes by as a motor-cycle taxi driver.

Record-keeping on the lake's history only goes back a century, and there is no good tally of the people displaced by its disappearance. At least 3,250 people have received humani-



1 A fisherman walks along the abandoned boats in the dried-up Lake Poopo — once the country's second-largest lake — on the outskirts of Untavi, Bolivia.

2 Felix Rojas, 78, who has paid his children's education from fishing in Lake Poopo, doesn't know what the future holds.

3 A boy swats away mosquitoes in Untavi, near the shores of Lake Poopo, which was officially declared evaporated in December 2015.



tarian aid, the governor's office says.

Poopo is now down to two per cent of its former water level, regional Gov. Victor Hugo Vasquez calculates. Its maximum

depth once reached five metres. Field biologists say 75 species of birds are gone from the lake.

The head of a local citizens' group that tried to save Poopo, Angel Flores, says authorities

ignored warnings.

"Something could have been done to prevent the disaster. Mining companies have been diverting water since 1982," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EASTERN SEABOARD

Drivers brace for big storm

Drivers in the Washington, D.C. area spent hours in icy gridlock ahead of heavy snowfall that's predicted to arrive by the weekend from the Appalachian Mountains to Philadelphia and maybe farther north.

On Thursday morning, Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe issued a state of emergency and said people should "take the threat of this storm seriously." He warned of travel disruptions and power outages. McAuliffe said crews are treating roads before the weekend storm hits, but state transportation officials urged drivers to stay off the roads.

Treated roads were clear, but some elevated roads, ramps and side streets were icy with drivers creeping along.

The National Weather Service said in a statement Wednesday that up to 40 centimetres of snow could come down between Friday night and Sunday morning.

The storm will bring ice and freezing rain to Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky starting Thursday, prediction centre meteorologist Rich Otto said.

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SOUTH AFRICA

Mos Def's worldly passport rejected

Mos Def's arrest in South Africa shined a light on the world passport, a document invented by a Vermont man in the aftermath of the Second World War.

The 42-year-old rapper and actor, who is also known as Yasiin Bey, was accused of trying to leave South Africa while using a passport not recognized by that country.

Mos Def has been living in South Africa for almost three years and had used a U.S. passport when previously entering and leaving the country. He was arrested when he tried to leave Jan. 14 using a passport issued by the World Service Authority.

Q: What is a world passport?

A: The world passport is a machine readable travel document that resembles traditional passports issued by most nations of the world. The passports are now administered by a Washington-based non-profit called the World Service Authority.

Q: What is the World Service Authority?

A: The authority promotes the concept of world citizenship, the idea that a person should find community in all people of the planet as opposed to within a nation state. It also offers marriage certificates, birth cards and other documents typically issued by governments.



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Q: What is its history?

A: In 1948, Garry Davis, a former Broadway actor and a former bomber pilot in the Second World War, renounced his U.S. citizenship and declared himself a "citizen of the world." In 1953 in Ellsworth, Maine, Davis declared the founding of the World Government of World Citizens.

Q: Why would someone get a passport?

A: World passports were created in the 1950s by Davis as a way of giving stateless people and refugees access to identification that could be used to cross international boundaries. The

authority says the world passport represents the "inalienable human right of freedom of travel on planet Earth."

Q: Which states recognize it?

A: It's unclear. The World Service Authority website lists 183 countries that the organization claims have recognized the passports by stamping a visa or exit or entry stamp in them.

Q: How do you get one?

A: Passport-seekers can fill out applications on the World Service Authority website. A 10-year passport costs \$100, plus shipping and handling.

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Fuel surcharges persist as oil slides

The price of crude oil has plummeted about 41 per cent since this time last year, but many companies, from airlines to couriers, continue to levy a hefty fuel surcharge for their services.

Consumer groups are complaining that companies should be passing along the savings.

"It's absolutely unconscionable," said Bruce Cran, president of the Consumers Association of Canada.

Although these charges are focused in the transportation industry, they ripple through the economy and "end up on our dinner plates and everywhere else," he said.

"The airline one sticks in our craw. It doesn't make any sense at all."

Air Canada rolled fuel costs into its base fare for North American flights in 2008, when the price of West Texas Intermediate crude was \$137 US per barrel and rising. It introduced a fuel surcharge on international flights six years earlier.

Crude is now under \$30 US a barrel. Yet even now Air Can-

ada and a host of other companies have a fuel surcharge.

Air Canada has blamed the weak loonie, saying it has to buy fuel with U.S. dollars. But Ambarish Chandra, an economics professor at the University of Toronto, says their argument doesn't hold up because the price of oil has fallen much more than the loonie has.

The Canadian dollar has decreased in value by about 11 per cent compared to the greenback since January 2015, whereas the price of benchmark WTI crude has tumbled more than 40 per cent — from about \$48 a barrel to \$28.

Airlines aren't the only companies that pile on a fuel fee. Canada Post first slapped a 2.25-per cent surtax on the delivery price of parcels and packages in 2003.

Taxis and limos serving Toronto's Pearson airport began to charge based on the average price of gas per litre in 2008.

The Freight Carriers Association of Canada recommends a fuel surcharge for the trucking industry. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau addresses the Global Shapers on Pluralism session in Switzerland on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada spreads deficit message

DAVOS, SWITZERLAND

GM won't reveal plans for key plant

Canada's economic development minister says the federal government has received no firm commitments from General Motors about the future of its plant in Oshawa, Ont.

Navdeep Bains spoke with Mary Barra, CEO of General Motors Company, before her closed-door meeting with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Bains said the government made the case for GM to keep its plant open, trying to play up Canada as a high-tech hub.

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At a time when some countries are looking at austerity to help them pull through a shaky economy, Canadian cabinet ministers have been telling anyone they meet at the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum that deficits are the way out of the downturn.

"Interest rates are at historic lows. We can make significant investments because we have that, plus an opportunity with our low amount of debt, especially in comparison with other countries," Finance Minister

Bill Morneau said Thursday.

"What I hear from other people in my position around the world is this is the right initiative at this time, and we know it will make a difference for Canadians."

Some countries, particularly in Europe, don't have the fiscal room to take on more debt, said author and journalist Fareed Zakaria, who interviewed Justin Trudeau after the prime minister's keynote speech on Wednesday.

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WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

Ministers tell countries to spend way out of downturn

Canada's plea to its international counterparts to open their wallets and spend their way out of a worsening global economic slump is resonating among the world's economic power brokers.

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How to be a woman on Instagram.

A bare ass is a good look. A young bare ass. Perky yet squishy, like babies' cheeks.

Wear a thong or transparent panties, high-end lingerie, and tag the designer. That's a repost and hundreds more followers, easy. #lace.

Right angle, right lighting. Framing is everything. My face is not great, so I only take outdoor selfies in the winter when the sun's at 3 o'clock and my arm's at a 66-degree angle.

Write one supportive message every three and a half days: "Believe in yourself! All women are strong and powerful!! Love you guys! (Emoji, emoji)."

It might take 100 tries and I have carpal tunnel now, but no one said Instagram would be easy. My volleyball coach always said: "Perfect practice makes perfect." I say: "Perfect perfect perfect perfect."

You're the sum of your parts, you know? It's not just this one round ass — it's the body of your work, the complete work of your body.

If I take a cleavage shot in an oversized men's shirt while perching on the edge of a bed with rusted sheets — I'm not doing that tomorrow. One cleavage shot a week.

I'll do a #greenisgood smoothie or an elevator selfie with my new Marc Jacobs handbag. A yoga pose, a cut

avocado ("Brunch!"). Stuff that's real. Pre- and post-pregnancy bellies are huge right now. Also, post-breast-job shots with bandages. How will people know it's really real? That's not the point.

Take that young, hot Argentinian artist, the one who's now an art star. She was posting all these photos on Instagram and taking on all these personae — workout streetwear chick, frilly innocent-face-girl, post-boob-job vixen. It was all about her in Los Angeles, making it in the city, and people loved it. Thousands of followers. But it turned out it was all an act. It was art.

For five months, she was pretending to be real on Instagram, to show the "construction of femininity." And now all these galleries are actually showing her Instagram photos. The Tate Modern. I'm not kidding.

The point is, she kept getting likes even when people found out it was fake! She has close to 90,000 followers — that's real. That's Instagram. And some stuff was really real. Word is, she really did get some minor plastic surgery. Just the boob job was a fake.

Now she's modelling for Gucci. She's on a Forbes 30-under-30 list. Like I said: Hard work. But it pays. Now take my photo.

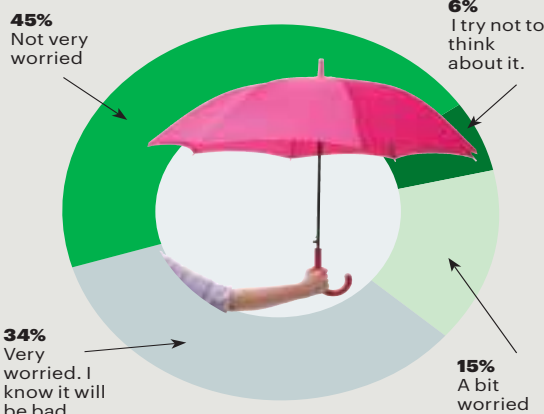
Metro POLL

Feeling the (climate) heat

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Scientists say 2015 was the warmest year worldwide since record-keeping began (and 2014 was the second-warmest). Climate change is coming fast. We asked our readers if they're doing anything to cut their carbon footprint, and how concerned they are about the future.

1 How worried are you about climate change and extreme weather in the coming years?



2 What was the weather like for the past 12 months where you live?

33% Warmer than usual
32% The same as ever
17% Just all-around weird
9% Colder than usual
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4% Drier than usual

3 What are you doing to reduce your carbon footprint?

20% Reducing energy use around the home
17% Reducing garbage
13% Using efficient vehicles/appliances
10% Eating less meat
10% Taking transit, biking or walking
8% Nothing. I don't care.
7% Planting trees or a garden
7% Reducing air travel
4% Donating to environmental organizations
2% Nothing, but I feel bad about it
2% Other

I talk about climate change with others, trying to spread ideas for solutions.

I take trains and reduce garbage.

I'm worried it's too late.

My lifestyle creates a very small carbon footprint. This is in effort to save money and avoid polluting the planet.

WE ASKED Metro readers

'Clean eating' based on faith, not solid science



Genna Buck
Metro | Toronto

Many of today's popular brand-name diets can be boiled down to a list of rules that start with "Thou shalt not."

As the new year's dieting season drags on, every bookstore shelf and morning TV show has self-styled experts advocating all-out bans on whole categories of foods, all in the name of "clean eating."

I'd love to be able to quickly and efficiently debunk "clean eating," but I can't. It has no precise definition. What's "clean" to a bodybuilder may not be to a paleo person. One "clean" regimen du jour is premised on the theory that wheat and dairy (and sometimes other stuff, depending on the specific strain of dubious science) cause a vague but scary-sounding inflammation.

If you believe some foods are "clean," then others must be "unclean." And that is a very, very old idea. Dairy and wheat, to the dairy-and-wheat-free crowd, aren't unclean in any real-world way. They're ritually unclean, like pork is to observant Jewish folks.

And what do faith-based food restrictions do? They identify you with a tribe, whose members support and motivate you to stick with their rules and shame you if you don't. Modern-day food tribes — like the Bulletproof crowd, the Whole 30 club, the Wheat Belly people — fill the same role. If one of these programs is helping you build good habits and eat less junk food: Awesome. Carry on!

But know this: Almost no nutrition science is solid enough to indicate that anything — except trans fats — should be cut from healthy adults' diets entirely.

Last week, Julia Belluz at

Vox compiled a list of all the things that make nutrition research bloody difficult and expensive. First, it's maddeningly individual. Different people respond differently to the same diet. People also don't stick to diets, even when they're told to as part of a study. Few researchers follow subjects more than a few weeks, which means the outcomes that are being measured are things like short-term changes in blood pressure, not, say, long-term incidence of heart disease.

Long-term observational studies, which rely on people's reports of what they eat, are full of confounding factors that can't all be accounted for. An increased recognition of these limitations is part of why conventional nutrition wisdom has about-faced on fat.

That said, in general, author Michael Pollan's advice ("Eat food. Not too much. Mostly plants.") holds up in light of what evidence we do have. To

my knowledge, there's never been a study showing fresh vegetables are bad for you. Sugar isn't poison. Your body can handle the occasional calorie wallop in the form of a large Coke, but don't push your luck. Refined flour has a well-deserved bad rap, but whole grains are yummy and good for you. Minimize your consumption of additives and preservatives and what-not, not because they're poison (your kidneys have your back), but because you can do better by choosing whole foods most of the time. The best advice is moderation, McGill nutrition professor Linda Wykes told me. If you dream of deep-fried Mars Bars, you can indulge, once in a while, without worry. Thank the higher power of your choice for that.

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5TH WAVE

Chloë Moretz has impressive run of strong, serious roles

Richard Crouse

For Metro Canada



Eighteen-year-old Chloë Grace Moretz played a young vampire in *Let Me In*, a would-be superhero in *Kick Ass* and cinema's most famous telekinetic, *Carrie*. It's a diverse group of roles, but Moretz says she can draw a straight line from character to character. "They're linear," she says, "in the sense that they're all

strong characters. A lot of them are like me, the basis of them. They all have a big mountain in front of them but they are going to climb it and fight as hard as they can."

This weekend she stars in *The 5th Wave*, a world-under-attack sci-fi flick based on Rick Yancey's young adult novel of the same name. Moretz plays Cassie and her "big mountain" is an alien invasion that devastates the planet, separating her from her younger brother. Can she find her sibling before the deadly 5th wave hits?

You'll have to buy a ticket to find out. The only thing I can tell you for sure is that it is another spunky performance from the actress.

Over the course of a short but eventful career spirited characters have become her



MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Dirty Grandpa ★
The 5th Wave ★★
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stock in trade. She has made a habit of playing people with rich lives swirling around them. For instance, she's a sparkplug teenage prostitute in *The Equalizer*, a confused best friend to Keira Knightley in *Laggies* and a movie star with a scandalous life in *Clouds of Sils Maria*.

Here are her top three career defining roles:

Spunky: In *If I Stay* Moretz plays Mia, a gifted teenage

cellist from a family of musicians. When a catastrophic accident throws her into a coma she has an out-of-body experience. The rest of the story is told from the perspective of her memories before the accident and in the present, as she observes, ghostlike, the aftermath of the car crash.

Here she delivers what may be her best performance yet. As Mia she is a talented teen just discovering a life beyond the cello that has been her

constant companion since she was young. It's a simple and uncluttered performance with a lot going on behind the eyes.

Spunkier: In the 2013 remake of *Carrie* she put her own spin on Stephen King's most famous character, originally played by Sissy Spacek in 1976. Where Spacek was a true outsider, an abused, naïve girl, Moretz plays her with a bit more pluck. Both are *Ugly Ducklings* transformed into swans and then monsters, unwitting and undeserving victims of horrible abuse, but Moretz gives *Carrie* more backbone than her predecessor.

Spunkiest: Undoubtedly her signature spunky performance came in 2010's *Kick-Ass*.

If Quentin Tarantino made a kid's coming-of-age movie it might look something like *Kick-Ass*. It has most of his trademarks — clever dialogue, good soundtrack and some high octane violence — but there's a twist. The bloodiest, most cutthroat purveyor of ultra violence in the film is an 11-year-old girl.

The action scenes are plentiful and frenetic and once you get past the question, "Why would Chloë Moretz's parents allow her to do this?" they're really fun. It's a little unsettling to see a young girl wielding a switchblade, gunning down dozens of bad guys and going hand-to-hand with a full grown man, but not since Natalie Portman in *Léon* has the screen seen such a sweet-faced assassin.



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THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN



In the 50th anniversary year of Truman Capote's genre-making masterpiece *In Cold Blood*, it seems suddenly everyone is watching, listening and talking about true crime. Last year's compulsive true crime programs came courtesy of the inaugural NPR podcast, *Serial*, and HBO's *The Jinx*. This year Nick Broomfield's fascinating films about Aileen Wuornos have popped up on Netflix, along with *The Central Park Five*, Ken's Burn's 2012 documentary about five black and Latino teenagers wrongly convicted of raping a white woman.

Maybe you've missed those.

African Americans make up 1 million of the total 2.3 million Americans in prison and are incarcerated at nearly six times the rate of whites

But I know very few who over the holidays didn't binge-watch *Making a Murderer*, the 10-part Netflix documentary about Steven Avery, a white man with an IQ of 70 from Manitowoc County, Wis., who spent 18 years in jail for a crime he didn't commit, was released, and then arrested two years later for murdering a woman.

It felt as though the show was all anyone could talk about: Did Avery do it? Or was he framed by the local police? Were the filmmakers one-sided?

I don't know — because I didn't finish it. It wasn't the horrific and violent crime of which Avery was convicted; it wasn't that the alleged police and judicial corruption didn't rouse anger; and it wasn't the potent display of how economic disparity in U.S. can make or break a life. There was something, which I'm anxious to admit, that I

THE DOCUMENTARY:
The Central Park Five



couldn't stomach.

But here goes: I didn't want to spend any more time with Steven Avery, because why Steven Avery?

"The reason we chose him was his unique status as an American who had been failed by the system in 1985, and had been repeatedly failed for another 18 years," said co-maker Laura Ricciardi, who filmed the documentary over a decade.

I'm not sold on how unique

THE MEAL:
A stiff drink



his circumstances are: "One out of three African American men may well end up going to prison," Hillary Clinton said in the most recent Democratic debate. "That's the statistic. I want people here to think what we would be doing if it was one out of three white men, and very often, the black men are arrested, convicted and incarcerated for offences that do not lead to the same results for white men."

"Who in America is satis-

fied that we have more people in jail than any other country on Earth, including China?" followed Bernie Sanders. "Disproportionately African American and Latino."

According to the NAACP, African Americans make up 1 million of the total 2.3 million Americans in prison and are incarcerated at nearly six times the rate of whites. What's more, "five times as many whites are using drugs as African Americans, yet African Americans are sent to prison for drug offences at 10 times the rate of whites." But "African Americans serve virtually as much time in prison for a drug offence (58.7 months) as whites do for a violent offence (61.7 months)."

Revenge is supposedly a dish best served cold. But when it comes to the reality of many Americans' lives, it's not even on the table.

Sandra Bland, Eric Garner, Walter Scott, and countless others, didn't get trials, which is why *Making a Murderer* made me lose my appetite. I'm going to re-watch *The Central Park Five* with a stiff drink, which won't solve anything.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's *The Social*.

STAR POWER

Coffee spat over copycat
A George Clooney doppelganger is brewing up tensions between two coffee companies in Israel.

Nespresso is suing the Israeli Espresso Club for using an actor with a striking resemblance to the Hollywood star in one of its ads. Clooney is the face of Nespresso.

The ad shows the Clooney lookalike being schooled on the benefits of Espresso Club. A disclaimer on the screen warns that the actor, silver-haired and carrying what appears to be a Nespresso bag, "is not George Clooney."

Espresso Club says the tongue-in-cheek ad and the Clooney character were meant to target customers looking for a more "informal" coffee experience.

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George Clooney, left, and the Espresso ad actor.

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Will Smith latest star to boycott Oscars

Will Smith says he will not attend the Academy Awards next month, joining his wife, Jada Pinkett Smith, and others in protest against two straight years of all-white acting nominees. Best supporting actor nominee Mark Ruffalo also says he's considering skipping the ceremony.

"My wife's not going. It would be awkward for me to show up with Charlize (Theron)," said Smith on ABC's *Good Morning America* on Thursday. "We've discussed it, but at this current time, we're uncomfortable to stand there and say this is OK."

Smith, who some thought might be nominated for his performance in the football drama *Concussion*, said his decision was "deeply not about me."

"This is about children that are going to sit down and they're going to watch the show and they're not going to see themselves represented," said Smith.

Smith, who would likely have been a sought-after presenter at the Feb. 28 ceremony, becomes the biggest name to join a boycott of the Academy Awards following announcements by Spike Lee (an honorary Oscar recipient this year) and Pinkett Smith.

Ruffalo, nominated for his performance in the newspaper drama *Spotlight*, said Thursday that he's mulling joining

the protest.

"I'm weighing it, that's where I'm at right now," Ruffalo told BBC News. "I woke up in the

"Diversity is the American superpower ... When I look at the series of nominations of the academy, it's not reflecting that beauty."

Will Smith

morning thinking, 'What is the right way to do this?' Because if you look at Martin Luther King's legacy, what he was saying was that the good people who don't act are much worse than the wrongdoers who are purposefully not acting and don't know the right way."

One of the acting nominees joining the boycott would add a new chapter in the backlash that has roiled the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences. Following the announcements by Lee and Pinkett Smith, academy President Cheryl Boone Isaacs has pledged "dramatic changes" to diversity in the academy's membership.

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Will Smith, who has been nominated for an Academy Award twice before, for 2001's *Ali* and 2006's *The Pursuit of Happiness*, said he believes the industry can do better. GETTY IMAGES

Now playing



COMEDY Dirty Grandpa

Director: Dan Mazer
Starring: Robert DeNiro, Zac Efron

A recently widowed veteran tricks his adult grandson into going on a road trip for Spring Break in Florida.

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Critics: Audience:
NOT YET REVIEWED + 94%



MYSTERY/HORROR The Boy

Director: William Brent Bell
Starring: Lauren Cohan, Rupert Evans

Greta is a young American woman who takes a job as a nanny in a remote English village, only to discover that the family's 8-year-old is a life-sized doll that the parents care for just like a real boy, as a way to cope with the death of their actual son 20 years prior.

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Critics: Audience:
NOT YET REVIEWED + 92%



ACTION & ADVENTURE The 5th Wave

Director: J. Blakeson
Starring: Maika Monroe, Liev Schreiber

Four waves of increasingly deadly attacks have left most of Earth decimated. Against a backdrop of fear and distrust, Cassie is on the run, desperately trying to save her younger brother. As she prepares for the inevitable and lethal 5th wave, Cassie teams up with a young man.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: Audience:
20% + 95%



ACTION & ADVENTURE 13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi

Director: J.J. Abrams
Starring: John Krasinski, Pablo Schreiber

The gripping true story of six elite ex-military operators assigned to protect the CIA who fought back against overwhelming odds when terrorists attacked a U.S. diplomatic compound on September 11, 2012.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: Audience:
58% 88%



ACTION & ADVENTURE Star Wars: The Force Awakens

Director: J.J. Abrams
Starring: Harrison Ford, Daisy Ridley

In this continuation of the Star Wars saga, balance returns to the Force as the First Order, emerging from the ashes of the Empire, clashes with the Resistance, which includes newcomers and heroes from the former Rebel Alliance.

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Critics: Audience:
94% + 99%



ACTION/COMEDY Norm of the North

Director: Trevor Wall
Starring: Rob Schneider, Heather Graham

A polar bear of many words, Norm's greatest gripe is simple: there is no room for tourists in the Arctic. But when a maniacal developer threatens to build luxury condos in his own backyard, Norm heads to New York City to stop it.

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Zac Efron: More than meets the abs

DIRTY GRANDPA

Is the babe really a talented thespian? Maybe, at times

Matt Prigge
Metro | New York



This week, the first High School Musical movie turned 10 years old. You can't say it's too early to tell if its Abercrombie-and-abs male lead, one Zac Efron — the costar of this weekend's *Dirty Grandpa*, in which he parties with Robert De Niro — is secretly a talented thespian. After all, he's been in the game since the 1989 TV movie *Triple Play*. He should have figured what he's capable of by now — or at the very least, we should have figured out what we think about him.

And yet it's still hard to tell. This much we do know: When he's making fun of himself and his bro-ish stature, he's very good.

When he popped up as a Pabst-crushing, devious frat



Zac Efron stars alongside Robert De Niro in the spring break comedy *Dirty Grandpa*. CONTRIBUTED

lord in *Neighbors*, it was a revelation. Not only did he prove a fine, smarmy foil to Seth Rogan's discombobulating young dad, but he quietly telegraphed a real panic: Maybe boozing through college was his peak. Maybe he can do

nothing but take his shirt off. You could even sense the real Efron freaking out underneath his perfectly sculpted figure and six-pack abs.

He had good reason to worry: When he's tried for serious and/or indie roles —

in Richard Linklater's *Me and Orson Welles*, in Ramin Bahrani's *At Any Price* — he was bland and vacant.

Director Lee Daniels used that well in his reliably insane *The Paperboy*, in which the pretty boy did little but

bop about in his tighy-whities and, in one scene we still can't believe exists, got peed on by Nicole Kidman. (He'd just been stung by a jellyfish. It totally makes sense.)

When he tried to cut loose, with the rom-com *The Awkward Moment*, he came off as heartless, not funny and charming. (Please read Bilge Ebiri's brilliant review, which jokingly reads it as a dark drama about a predatory sociopath.)

And yet this summer he surprised us again. Yes, everyone hated the DJ drama *We Are Your Friends*, and it had one of the worst openings of any wide release in history. But Efron actually found a touching soulfulness to his young, precocious and foolish aspiring music maker, subtly — subtly! Zac Efron can be subtle! — conveying that point in dumb youth when we realize everything we assumed about ourselves and our futures is wrong. It suggested he might, in the right hands, as he comes upon his 30s, evolve into a strong dramatic actor — or at least better than he was as a soldier in the Nicholas Sparks outing *The Lucky One*.

A LOOK BACK

Zac Efron's past roles:

17 Again (2009)

Early in his career Efron was happy to take shallow parts typecasting himself as a pretty boy heartthrob with funny one-liners. It's a card he played well in *17 Again*, where a 37-year-old is reincarnated as a 17-year-old

Charlie St. Cloud (2009)

Even though comedy is where he shines, Efron took on a more serious role in this Nicholas Sparks adaptation about a young sailor who talks to his younger brother, who died in a car crash. The movie is so cheesy it's hard to watch.

New Year's Eve (2011)

In this movie, Efron plays a delivery dude tasked with helping a record exec complete a list of crazy resolutions before midnight. Efron is doing what he does best: serving as the humorous eye-candy. EMILY LAURENCE/METRO NEW YORK

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Efron plays a shirtless frat bro in *Neighbors*. CONTRIBUTED

Ranking Zac Efron's best topless scenes

LIST

Heartthrob knows to give the people what they want

Emily Laurence
Metro | New York



Zac Efron is more than just a pretty face. His body is desktop-background worthy, too. After studying Efron's, er, body of work, it's clear that he's at his best when playing up his comedy skills and poking fun at himself. When he tries to get too serious in a role, he comes up short.

Luckily, he knows it's part of his civic duty to strip down in virtually every movie he's ever in, ever. Here, we roundup his ab-solute best shirtless scenes.

1. Neighbors

Efron is at his shirtless peak as the frat bro in *Neighbors*. It's no wonder at the end of the film, his character finds his true calling: as an Abercrombie & Fitch greeter.

2. The Lucky One

This Nicholas Sparks adaptation is almost too cheesy to watch. The movie has few redeeming qualities, but it does gift the world with Efron's hottest sex scene yet.

3. Dirty Grandpa

Whoever came up with the idea to make Efron do the macarena half-naked deserves a sincere slow clap. What would *Dirty Grandpa* be without that scene? A shirtless De Niro though, we could have done without.

4. That Awkward Moment

Efron's shirtless scene in this movie was so good that he won an MTV Movie Award for it. He even manages to look sexy while planking a toilet. How many people can pull that off? Overall, this bro-mantic comedy is forgettable, but those shirtless scenes are not.

5. The Paperboy

This time, Efron is naked and wet — thanks, Hollywood! Normally tighty-whites on a grown man are unappealing, but Nicole Kidman doesn't mind and neither do we. Side note: how is his body always perfectly tan?

THE REVENANT

Band measures audience's biological reaction

Ever been told a movie is a heart-pounding thriller that'll have you on the edge of your seat? Thanks to wearable technology, Hollywood has the tools to prove it.

20th Century Fox says that it used a wearable wristband on more than 100 people in test screenings for Oscar-contender *The Revenant* before it hit theatres in December. It's unclear if it's the first studio to obtain this sort of data from audiences,

but experts say it's unlikely to be the last.

By measuring heart rate, skin moisture, movement, and audible gasps, Fox found the Leonardo DiCaprio vehicle had 14 heart-pounding moments where it measured significant jumps in people's heart rates. Fifteen scenes evoked fight-or-flight responses, as determined by a range of indicators taken together. The audience was also almost completely motionless

for just over half of the 2.6-hour movie — in other words, says the studio, on the edge of their seats.

"This is a pure way to measure individual audience response," said George Dewey, Fox's senior vice-president of digital.

For now, Fox plans to use the technology for marketing. But *Revenant* director Alejandro Inarritu also saw the results, Dewey acknowledged. And it's

not hard to imagine such pulse and respiratory data influencing the way directors and editors put together their films, much the way test-audience reactions can lead filmmakers to drop certain scenes, or even to change a movie's ending entirely.

Dewey, however, played down the likely impact on the moviemaking process. "Nothing's ever going to replace the artistry of filmmaking," he said.

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'We have chemistry and history'

THE X-FILES

Duchovny says Mulder and Scully bond just needs 'biology'

For Chris Carter, there's nothing scarier than sitting in an audience and watching The X-Files.

The first episode of Carter's reboot of his sci-fi franchise had its world premiere last October at MIPCOM, the international TV marketplace. It was screened again last week for critics at the California Science Center in Los Angeles.

Throughout both screenings, Carter squirmed in his seat.

"Television is something you normally experience in a small room with your friends and loved ones," he said. "I rarely get a chance to see it with an audience. It was thrilling, but it filled me with anxiety."

With original stars David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson back and, as Carter noted, "looking fabulous," The X-Files seems like a brand poised for a return to the world stage.

Duchovny and Anderson joined Carter last week at the Television Critics Association press tour. They were asked if the old chemistry was there. "We've gone beyond chemistry to history," said Duchovny, who teased fans by adding, "We have chemistry and history; we're going to try and have biology."

Both stars have enjoyed busy careers since The X-Files series ended 13 years ago. Duchovny, who went on to Californication and Aquarius, says his children are now old enough to watch the series. Anderson lives in London and balances stage work with series such as Hannibal and The Fall.

"Living over there, I found a mix between film and theatre and TV, and that suits me just fine," says Anderson.

Carter acknowledges the world has changed since the series launched in 1993. There are references to innovations such as Uber and WikiLeaks. Carter feels the world has become more conservative, more paranoid — riper for his brand of storytelling.

Television has also changed. Critics speak of a new "golden age" of TV drama, some of it

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made by people who got their start on The X-Files, including Homeland executive producer Howard Gordon and Breaking Bad's Vince Gilligan.

The X-Files also helped establish Vancouver as a main player in North American network TV production. The miniseries returned to the North Shore studios where it all began, with production wrapping a little over a month ago.

Duchovny — often blamed for the series relocating from Vancouver to Los Angeles after six seasons — says it felt like home being back in B.C.

"Although we shot in the summer when days were longer there and, ironically, it wasn't dark enough."

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Gillian Anderson and David Duchovny team up to reprise their roles as FBI agents Fox Mulder and Dana Scully in the next chapter of The X-Files airing Sunday on CTV. HANDOUT

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Can you spot the Cancon?

Where a movie is shot doesn't mean a thing. What matters is who makes it. To determine whether a movie is Canadian, follow the money: it's all about the producers, the people financing it. The Canadian Audio-Visual Certification Office sets rules for what qualifies, including a 10-point system that looks at nationality of director, lead actors, screenwriter, and other categories. A film must hit eight out of 10 points. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Juno: No

This smart 2007 Oscar-winning comedy helped launch the careers of Canadians Ellen Page and Michael Cera. It was shot in and around Vancouver and directed by Montreal-born Jason Reitman. The entire production practically ran on maple syrup. But it's not a Canadian-produced film.



Brooklyn: Yes

Montreal stands in for Brooklyn in this story of a young Irish woman's life in New York and Ireland. Brooklyn is a treaty co-production among Canadian, Irish and U.K. producers. Toronto-born Michael Brook wrote the score and the cinematographer was Montreal's Yves Bélanger.



Titanic: No

Shot in Halifax, as well as aboard the Canadian icebreaker CCGS Louis S. St-Laurent and with Canadian director James Cameron at the helm (and Victor Garber in the cast), Titanic doesn't qualify as a Canadian film. So Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet will go on and on without the Great White North.

The Witch: Yes

Written and directed by American Robert Eggers, starring American actress Anya Taylor-Joy and shot in the Ottawa Valley (as 17th-century New England), what makes this terrifying thriller (opening Feb. 19) a Canadian work is its production pedigree. A U.S.-Canadian effort, The Witch is co-produced by Daniel Bekerman's Toronto-based Scythia Films. And Toronto composer Mark Korven was responsible for The Witch's score.



Room: Yes

It wasn't the fact you could recognize most outdoor scenes — the Beach boardwalk, Apache Burger, Bridgepoint Hospital and the DVP. It wasn't that Irish-born novelist Emma Donoghue, who wrote the screenplay from her novel, makes her home in London, Ont. Nor was it Vancouver-born co-star Jacob Tremblay. It was the financing, which was a Canada-Ireland treaty co-production.



Resident Evil: Retribution: Yes

Directed by Paul W.S. Anderson and starring Milla Jovovich as the queen of the zombie slayers, the fifth movie in the Resident Evil franchise was the top Canadian movie of 2012 and winner of that year's Golden Reel Award for top domestic box office. Made in Toronto, it was produced by prolific Canadian filmmaker, Don Carmody.

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Window into iconic Japanese sites, experiences

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There wasn't an obvious abundance of red and white patches on backpacks, but I knew (from the stats) that Canadian travellers had been visiting Japan in record numbers.

I decided to explore the country for myself. Spoiler alert: once-in-a-lifetime cultural experiences ahead.

Monks praying in Koyasan
One of my first stops was

Koyasan, a mountain area considered to be one of the most sacred places in Japan. Koyasan was full of surprises: from riding the train up the 800 metre Mount Koya to visiting the Oku-no-in Cemetery (which has more than 200,000 tombstones and 10,000 burning lanterns in the Hall of Lamps) to my overnight stay in a mountain temple.

The highlight was watching Buddhist monks pray in the morning. The entire ceremony was mesmerizing, from the chanting and banging of the drum, to the billowing smoke from the fire.

Observing maiko in Kyoto
Kyoto, 500 km from Tokyo, has

plenty of impressive sights, including the iconic Fushimi Inari shrine. Its is also the birthplace of geiko (geisha) and maiko (apprentice geiko), traditional female entertainers and performers who still work in Kyoto and serve as cultural icons for the entire country.

In modern times, geisha are less common, with less than 250 of them in Kyoto, and teahouses where they can be seen generally don't accept guests without references (however, there are a few hotels that will arrange this for you). Having the chance to observe one of these face-painted beauties was like catching a glimpse of

a secret society.

Soaking in the natural hot springs in Hakone

Approximately 80 km southwest of Tokyo is Hakone, a charming, mountainous town with spectacular Mount Fuji views and natural hot spring resorts. I stayed in a traditional ryokan (Japanese inn) and soaked my body in indoor and outdoor onsen (natural hot springs).

Some resorts won't allow bathers with tattoos, as they are associated with the Yakuza crime gangs. Be sure to check with staff. Also, be prepared to bathe separately. (Although, don't fret: men and women bathe separately).

This writer was a guest of G Adventures. They did not review or approve this story.

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Almost 22,000 Canadians visited Japan last October, almost a quarter more over the same time last year.

+ JAPAN NOT IN THE BUDGET THIS YEAR ?

Japanese kabuki set to perform in Las Vegas

Japan's elaborate all-male kabuki theatre is heading to glitzy Las Vegas for a series of shows, in a bid to spread the classical Japanese art form to a global audience.

Japanese film and theatre company Shochiku said it would present the Japan Kabuki Festival in May, including a new play "created specifically" for a theatre in the U.S. entertainment centre. Kabuki is a form of traditional Japanese theatre that has been performed since the 17th century. Though women appeared in the beginning, kabuki shows came to be all-male



Kabuki actor Ichikawa Somegoro. AFP

affairs combining dance, drama and music with men playing female roles.

The actors, scions of families of kabuki performers who usually begin training in childhood, don elaborate costumes, wigs and heavy makeup for performances on equally elaborate sets. AFP

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New site lets flyers pay for tickets on layaway

A startup company has come up with a solution for cash-strapped travelers with a payment plan that allows flyers to pay for their ticket in instalments.

Launched last month out of Chicago, Airfordable is aimed at credit card-less travelers such as students or those with poor credit and allows them to pay for their tickets in a scheme akin to layaway programs at retail stores.

After finding a flight from any website, users upload a screenshot to the Airfordable platform, which then offers up a variety of different payment plans.

Users pay a third of the cost upfront as a deposit and can pay for the balance of the ticket in instalments before their travel date.

The birth of Airfordable can be traced back to founder Ama Marfo's student days, when she was living in the U.S. as an international student from Ghana.

In a blog post, Marfo explains that the idea came to her when a friend was forced to sit out a trip Marfo had organized to



Cape Coast Castle in Ghana. Ama Marfo said she started Airfordable because as a student she didn't have money to fly home to Ghana on breaks. ISTOCK

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The scheme doesn't collect interest, but charges a service fee of 20 per cent, which is spread out into monthly payments.

Ghana, because she couldn't afford the plane ticket. Prohibitively expensive plane tickets also forced Marfo to spend holi-

days in her dorm alone, far from her family in Ghana, she says.

"If Airfordable were around during my college days, my friend could've explored, first-hand, the rich culture of Ghana and international students could've had an affordable way to spend special holidays in their respective countries," Marfo writes. The limit for airline tickets is \$2,000 US and flights must be booked a minimum of two months' out.

AFP

TRAVEL NOTES BUCHAREST BATHS, HEMINGWAY'S HOME

Huge new thermal bath-and-spa complex opens in Bucharest

Austria's A-Heat Group has opened a giant thermal bath-and-spa complex in Romania that it says is the largest in Europe. The US \$55 million centre, which opened recently just north of Bucharest, uses hot water pumped up from more than 3 kilometres underground and cooled to a constant 33 degrees Celsius in its eight pools.

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New spa in Bucharest. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Contest offers writing time in Hemingway's studio in Key West

Anybody can tour house in Key West, Fla., where Ernest Hemingway lived in the 1930s. Now, the Florida Keys Flash Fiction Contest is offering up to 10 days of writing time in the studio at the Ernest Hemingway Home & Museum, plus 21 nights at a residency cottage at The Studios of Key West. Entries of no more than 500 words may be submitted by March 31.

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Hemingway's former home. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cuba tops luxury travel list

According to the annual Travel Leaders Group luxury travel survey, Cuba is going to be the biggest up and coming destination for those that like to travel in style and with a sense of adventure.

The report puts the Caribbean island in first place as the biggest emerging destination for the new year, followed by the United Arab Emirates. AFP



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Treehouse tops Airbnb's Wish List

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Sleeping in the woods offers a 'magic' experience

A charming treehouse hideaway in Atlanta, Ga. has emerged the most popular bucket-list retreat on Airbnb, garnering the most votes on the site's Wish List, a feature that allows users to book-mark their favourite properties.

Of the two million listings in 190 countries, the Secluded Intown Treehouse in Atlanta garnered the most clicks for offering guests the possibility of falling asleep in a forest canopy and waking up to the singing of birds.

At the Secluded Intown Treehouse, a trio of cabins built amidst tree trunks and leafy branches are decorated in antique and vintage furnishings and connected by romantic bridge ropes festooned with holiday lights.

The word "magic" is used often in the Airbnb reviews with guests praising the hosts for including small details such as wine and snacks on arrival



The Secluded Intown Treehouse has been praised for details such as heated mattresses and twinkle lights. PRNEWS FOTO

and heated mattresses.

"This is the perfect and most comfortable place to enjoy simplicity and quietness. The trees and nature sounds are therapeut-

ic and relaxing, and the twinkle lights add warmth and romance to the experience," wrote one guest.

It seems travellers are particu-

larly smitten by the idea of living à la Swiss Family Robinson, as treehouses are also the most popular types of lodging on Airbnb Wish Lists, followed by ig-

loos, vans, lighthouses and caves.

When it comes to destinations, Airbnb users are most enamored by Belize, which boasts the highest percentage

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Most Wish Listed Properties on Airbnb:

1. Secluded Intown Treehouse in Atlanta, Ga.
2. The Seashell House ~ Casa Caracol in Mexico.
3. Casa Barthel in Tuscany, Italy.
4. Unique Cob Cottage in Mayne Island, B.C.
5. Aroma(n)tica Treehouse in Monferrato in San Salvatore Monferrato, Alessandria, Italy.
6. Mushroom Dome Cabin in Aptos, Calif.
7. Pirates of the Caribbean Getaway in Topanga Canyon, Calif.
8. Balian Treehouse with private pool in Bali.
9. Brand New Mini Loft in Rome, Italy.
10. Off the Grid House, in Pioneertown, Calif.

of listings saved to Wish Lists, followed by Okinawa, Japan; Savannah, Georgia; Turks and Caicos; and Mendocino, Calif.

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WHIRLWINDS

Passionate and brief: Quebec City as a weekend affair

Romantic, rejuvenating and far too brief: Here's how to experience all the delights of the jewel of French Canada in two days:

Day One:

Morning: Stroll along the Dufferin Terrace in front of the Fairmont Le Château Frontenac to admire the iconic hotel and views of the St. Lawrence River below. Tread carefully down the steep Breakneck Stairs from the Place d'Armes to Lower Town.

Noon: Treat yourself to a gour-

met lunch at Panache, set in a historic warehouse that adjoins Auberge Saint-Antoine.

Afternoon: Stop into the modern Musées de la Civilisation in Old Port, where there are several intriguing exhibitions, including Egyptian Magic. Wander over to Place Royale, where Samuel de Champlain set down roots in 1608 and soak up the historic ambience of the old stone buildings. Admire the oldest stone church in North America, Notre-Dame-de-Victoires. Squeeze into

a crowded gift shop to ride the funicular for \$2.25.

Night: For traditional cuisine, try Aux Anciens Canadiens on Rue Saint-Louis. It's in the oldest house in Quebec and has offerings like pea soup, baked beans, bison and deer.

Day Two:

Morning: Trek down to Lower Town for shopping along Quartier Petit-Champlain's narrow cobblestone streets. Stop into the Three Crow Glass Studio and feel

the heat as blowers work their magic with molten glass. After a bout of window shopping and a credit-card workout, you can hop on the Quebec-Levis ferry in Old Port. The journey across the river offers stunning views and great photo ops. It's a bargain at \$7.

Noon: For some tasty eats and trendy ambience, trek up to the Château Frontenac and dine in Le Sam, Bistrot évolutif.

Afternoon: Check out the formidable defence system de-

veloped between 1608 and 1871 in North America's only remaining fortified city.

Night: for a twist on traditional French-Canadian cuisine visit La Buche, a fun new eatery on Rue Saint-Louis. Its menu offerings of tourtière, smoked salmon, poutine and poor man's pudding are divine.

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Habs GM Marc Bergevin says Carey Price will be out up to four more weeks and coach Michel Therrien's job is safe for the rest of the season



Predators goalie Pekka Rinne stops Dustin Byfuglien's attempt to jam in a loose puck on Thursday night at MTS Centre.

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Preds on a different plane than lowly Jets

NHL

Nashville wins out in battle of Central Division cellar dwellers

Ryan Johansen scored a goal and added an assist as the Nashville Predators defeated the Winnipeg Jets 4-1 on Thursday.

Craig Smith, James Neal and

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PREDATORS JETS

Calle Jarnkrok, with an empty-netter, also scored for the Predators. Neal added a helper.

Johansen now has four goals and nine points in seven games since his trade to Nashville from

Columbus on Jan. 6.

Nikolaj Ehlers scored his ninth goal of the season for Winnipeg, which recorded its second loss in the second contest of a six-game homestand.

Pekka Rinne made 25 saves for the Predators (21-18-8). Connor Hellebuyck stopped 24 of the 27 shots he faced for the Jets (21-23-3).

It was the third time the teams have played each other in 16 days. The Jets won the

first two, including a 5-4 overtime victory last Thursday in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg was 0-for-4 on the power play and the Predators 1-for-3.

The Jets were without forwards Alexander Burmistrov, Adam Lowry, Mark Scheieffle and Drew Stafford. All but Burmistrov are on the injured-reserve list.

Winnipeg hosts New Jersey on Saturday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA

Lowry sneaks into East starting lineup

Toronto Raptors point guard Kyle Lowry will start the NBA All-Star Game on home court after a late charge in voting.

Lowry overcame a 32,000-vote deficit to Cleveland's Kyrie Irving in the final days of balloting. With 646,441 votes, Lowry will start in the Eastern Conference backcourt with Dwyane Wade (941,466).

Nobody was catching Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant, however. With 1.9 million votes, he was selected an all-star for the 18th time.

MVP Stephen Curry of Golden State was next with 1.6 million and they will be joined in the Western Conference lineup by Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook, and San Antonio's Kawhi Leonard.



Kyle Lowry and Kobe Bryant
GETTY IMAGES

Cleveland's LeBron James and Indiana's Paul George will start in the East frontcourt with New York's Carmelo Anthony, who held off Chicago's Pau Gasol by 360 votes.

The reserves will be voted in by the head coaches in each conference and be announced next Thursday. The game will be played on Feb. 14 at Air Canada Centre. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Boils' streak grows to 7 as Blackhawks' ends at 12

Nikita Kucherov snapped a second-period tie with his 20th goal and the streaking Tampa Bay Lightning ended Chicago's franchise-record 12-game winning streak with a 2-1 win victory over the defending Stanley Cup champions on Thursday night.

The win was the seventh straight for the Lightning — one shy of a team record — and gave the defending Eastern Conference champs a split of the season series with the Blackhawks, who won last year's Stanley Cup final against Tampa Bay in six games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Davis becomes highest-paid Orioles player of all time

Chris Davis has signed the richest contract in the history of the Baltimore Orioles.

The defending major-league home run champion put his name on a seven-year pact that will pay him \$161 million.

Davis had 47 homers and 117 RBIs last season.

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Chapman free of charges

Florida prosecutors have decided not to file charges in a domestic disturbance case involving New York Yankees pitcher Aroldis Chapman and his girlfriend.

According to a police report, Chapman's girlfriend, 22-year-old Cristina Barnea, told police he pushed and choked her. Chapman said there was an argument, but added he was pushed down by Barnea's brother. Chapman said he eventually got a handgun and fired eight shots into a wall and window while locked in his garage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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'Big kid' Cam so confident

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

QB Newton says he doesn't get nervous as Arizona awaits

In the waning moments of a strange 35-35 game against the New York Giants, as things seemed to be collapsing all around him and tempers were flaring after every whistle, Cam Newton stood calmly on the sideline, his hands tucked firmly inside his shoulder pads near his neck as he nodded his head confidently.

Sure, the Carolina Panthers had just squandered a 28-point lead on the road, but Newton's locked-in facial expression was that of a man who seemed to know he had the game in the bag. He just knew. Such is the demeanour of Newton, who has gone from Heisman Trophy winner and national champion at Auburn to No. 1 pick in the draft and now, in his fifth season, a leading MVP candidate for the NFL's best team.

"I don't get nervous," Newton said bluntly. "I've been playing

football too long for me to get nervous. I have dreamed of being in this position."

Newton is in position to get the Panthers to the Super Bowl for the first time since 2003. All that stands in the way is the Arizona Cardinals in the NFC championship game on Sunday.

"This," Newton said, "is why you play football." Newton's confidence is on display weekly.

It's there when he breaks the huddle, saunters up the line and looks over the defence.

It's there when he shakes off a 280-pound defensive end — what other quarterback not named Roethlisberger does that? — and finds an open receiver down the field. Centre Ryan Kalil said Newton hasn't changed an iota as a person

since coming into the league in 2011, but what changed is his self-confidence — particularly in a season when he became the first QB to throw for 35 touchdowns and run for 10 in a season. "Honestly that comes from experience and playing more football. He's grown up," said Kalil.

Well, sort of.

Panthers coach Ron Rivera calls Newton a "big kid" who likes to enjoy himself on the field. During training camp Newton can be seen singing on the field between plays or with his arms spread pretending to fly like a bird as he runs.

"When you see me play, you see a kid out there," Newton said. "Some people call it immaturity. I could care less." What opponents see is Newton's energy and how it makes those around him better. "It's contagious," Arizona defensive tackle Calais Campbell said.

"You can see the whole team feeds off of it. That's what you want from your quarterback — a guy that's going to bring the fire and lead the troops. I think the heart of their team definitely feeds off of his energy."

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Cam Newton became the first QB to throw for 35 TDs and run for 10 in a season. GRANT HALVERSON/GETTY IMAGES

+ AFC

Trash talk aimed at Pats ahead of Denver test

Gronk pushes off. Brady whines. If it's AFC championship week, somebody must be complaining about the New England Patriots.

This time around, it's the Denver Broncos, who have delivered a few hits through the media in a not-so-subtle attempt to get inside the heads of both the Patriots and, quite possibly, the officials who will call Sunday's game.

The biggest pokes have, not surprisingly, been directed at Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski, with the Broncos suggesting he likes to push off and how it's really best to tackle him by going after his delicate knees. Tom Brady took some shots, too, labelled a crybaby for complaining to refs. These early week doses of trash talk have calmed down now that the real preparation has begun. Still, they've made for a decent story line to go beside the hundreds of different takes on Tom Brady vs. Peyton Manning, Part 17. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Bibiano Fernandes

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MMA

Vancouver-based Fernandes defending title in China

Another title defence, another stamp in Bibiano (The Flash) Fernandes' passport.

This time it's China for the Vancouver-based Brazilian-born MMA fighter, who puts his One Championship bantamweight title on the line Saturday against

Kevin (The Silencer) Belingon of the Philippines.

The venue is Changsha SWC Stadium in Changsha, some 10,000 kilometres from Fernandes' West Coast home.

"The key is that's my job," the 35-year-old Fernandes said of

the travel. "I have to love what I do ... I like representing mixed martial arts."

Fernandes (18-3-0) has not lost in five years and is currently riding a 10-fight win streak. The 28-year-old Belingon (13-4-0) is 4-4-0 in the Asian-based One

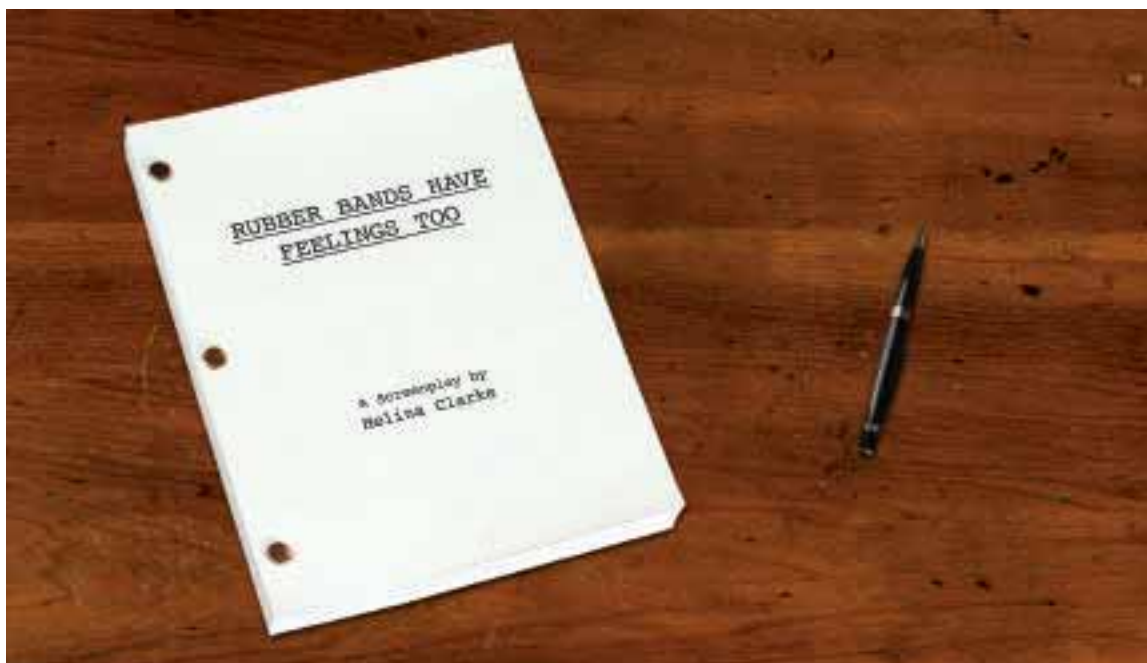
Championship since 2012. Still Fernandes says he is a dangerous striker with good kicks.

"A very tough kid," he said.

Fernandes has long been a road warrior. With then-champion Soo Chul Kim of South Korea sidelined by injury, Fer-

nandes defeated Japan's Koetsu Okazaki in May 2013 in Pasay City, the Philippines, to win One Championship's interim title.

He then unified the 135-pound championship by defeating Kim in October 2013 in Kallang, Singapore. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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RECIPE Pepperoni Pizza Grilled Cheese



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For Metro Canada



It's Friday and you've earned an easy dinner. Rather than ordering in pizza, whip up this ooey-goey pizza-themed grilled cheese.

Ready in

Prep time: 10 minutes

Total time: 20 minutes

Makes 2 sandwiches

Ingredients

- 4 slices of sourdough or wholegrain bread
- 2 tsp garlic butter
- 1/2 cup ricotta cheese
- 4 basil leaves, torn into small pieces
- 2 slices mozzarella cheese
- 16 to 20 slices of pepperoni
- 2 slices fontina cheese

• Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Directions

1. Preheat a skillet over medium heat with a drizzle of olive oil.
2. Butter one side of each slice of bread. Place pieces of bread butter side down on a clean surface or cutting board. In a small bowl, mix ricotta with basil pieces. Spread one slice of bread with about a tablespoon of ricotta. Place one slice of mozzarella on ricotta cheese. Now place a layer of 8 to 10 pieces of pepperoni down. Lay a slice of fontina on other slice of bread. Close sandwich and place in skillet.
3. Grill until lightly browned and then flip over; continue grilling until cheese is melted and gooey. Repeat for second sandwich.

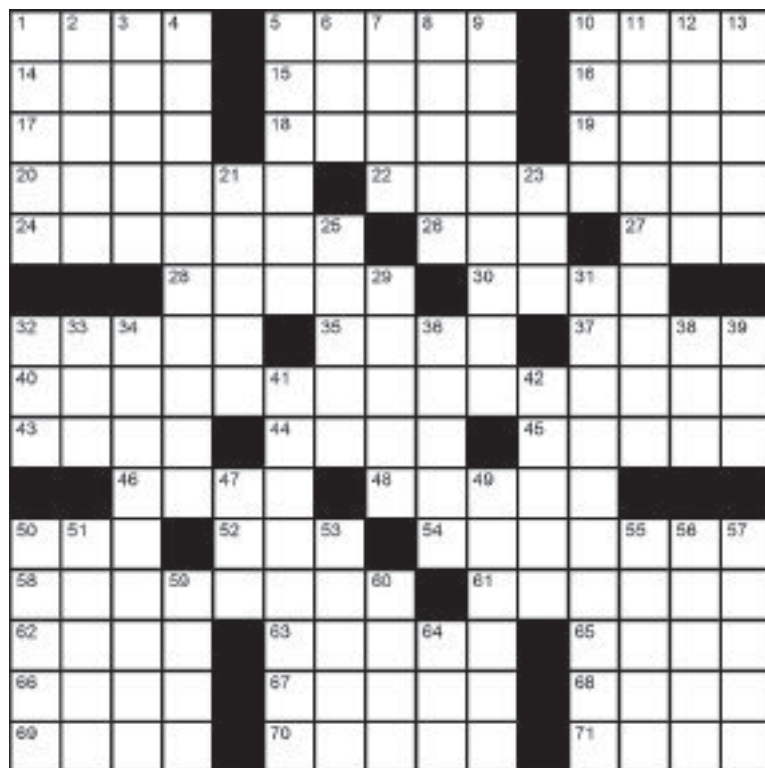
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ACROSS

1. Goulash
5. _ rug
10. In _ (Up the proverbial creek)
14. Johnny Carson's predecessor Jack
15. Canadian performers' union
16. _-_-shanter
17. Dugout shelter
18. "Every _ Way But Loose" (1978) starring Clint Eastwood
19. Mr. Seacrest
20. "That's for darn sure!": 2 wds.
22. Seedy part of town, _-_- district
24. Gets comfy
26. Game cube
27. Singer Mr. Jarreau's
28. Thin piece of wood
30. Type of tape
32. Lei-wearer's greeting
35. Space mission org.
37. City in Europe once called Christiania
40. Parliament Hill: Where Canada's fallen soldiers are honoured in the Peace Tower: 2 wds.
43. Etre - Present: Je suis ...ls _
44. Cairo's river
45. "Twilight" books author Stephenie
46. Time _ _ the essence
48. Accessory for 'meshy' hair
50. Increase, with Up
52. Dustup
54. Signs up
58. Guacamole ingredients
61. Inwardly boil
62. Plain
63. Clear
65. Aquarium fish, _ Tetra
66. Seaport of



DOWN

1. Barcelona's country
2. Dinette set piece
3. British peers
4. Some puck-propelling moves in hockey: 2 wds.
5. "Tom _" by Rush
6. German 'I'
7. Awaken
8. Curved
9. Hoity-toity
10. Longfellow's bell town
11. Starring role for Canadian actor James Rennie (b.1890 - d.1965) in the 1926 Broadway adaptation of F. Scott

Fitzgerald's 'Great' 1925 book: 2 wds.
12. Menotti opera, _ and the Night Visitors
13. Montreal's 'Royal', and others in French 21. "...I thee wed." locale
23. Romanian currency
25. _ Peninsula, in Egypt
29. Gets boring
31. Canada's Caroline Rhea, for one
32. Day-starting hrs.
33. Mr. Tolstoy
34. Those who dine on both animal cadavers and plants
36. Vista
38. Author Harper
39. Bruins legend Bobby
41. Where pamphlets, directions, answers to questions, etc. might be provided in a public building: 2 wds.
42. Arcade game, Whac - _
47. British singer Rita
49. Early stages of things
50. Morocco's capital
51. Circumvent
53. Something's value
55. Acutely alpine
56. Things over there
57. Gumption
59. Rapper 50
60. Fleetwood Mac hit
64. Big bright blazing ball

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Don't limit yourself to tried and trusted ways of doing things today. If you are open to new possibilities you may come up with new ideas and impress people in positions of power.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Be true to your beliefs, even if it brings you into conflict with people you would prefer not to antagonise. You're entitled to your opinions and have the right to think for yourself.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You've been ignoring warning signs and pretending that nothing can go wrong. The planets warn if what you ignore can in some way affect your earning power it could cost you. Get your act together before it's too late.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If you don't feel like pushing yourself today, then don't. If you're given the choice between doing more or less, choose the latter without hesitation.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You may find it hard to think outside the box today and could reject good ideas simply because you don't have the confidence to make something of them. That would be a shame.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Be careful what you allow yourself to believe because the facts are not as obvious as you would like them to be. With Mercury, planet of the mind, still moving retrograde you must not take anything on trust, not even your own ideas!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
There is no point aiming for perfection because you will never reach it. All you can do is aim to be the best at what you do and to be happy with that. Set yourself new goals.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may be bored with your current situation but what happens next will cheer you up. When Mercury, planet of the mind, turns in your favour again on Monday life will become a lot more fun than it has been of late.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may be pessimistic about money matters and that's fine. The last thing you need is to take some kind of gamble, because it's unlikely to pay off. Keep your cash in your pocket.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
So long as you enjoy what you are doing it doesn't matter what anyone else thinks about it. You've been taking other people's opinions into account too much lately.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You will be concerned with ideas and their practical application today but don't get so bogged down in your own thoughts that you miss what is taking place in the world around you.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Your life will change for the better but you should not be waiting for things to happen, you should be making them happen. Upcoming events will give you a more positive outlook. After that it's up to you.

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